

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	21/07/2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Place & Wellbeing / or Corporate Director Operations and Delivery.
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39). 4.4.1(1) All Corporate Directors have the authority to incur expenditure (with the exception of external legal resources) in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework, Financial Procedure Rules and Procurement Procedure Rules Cabinet, 20th December 2024 (Minute 99 refers) – link Cabinet, 17th March 2025 (Minute 149 refers) - link Executive Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism dated 5th August 2025 - link Cabinet, 20th March 2026 - link Cabinet, 24th April 2026; Financial Update Report - link
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr Ivan Henderson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism; Cllr Mick Barry, Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Public Realm
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To approve the appointment of JPP Geotechnical and

	Environmental Ltd to undertake intrusive site investigation works across the Ten_09 Jaywick Sands Public Open Spaces project area with a 10% contingency allowance giving a total approved value of up to £27,654.00 + VAT.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	This decision forms part of the wider Ten_09 Jaywick Sands Public Open Spaces project approved by Cabinet and the Portfolio Holder and supports the ongoing design and development of projects across the programme. Intrusive site investigations are required to provide essential information on ground conditions, drainage infrastructure and site constraints, enabling the consultant team to progress detailed design, assess project deliverability and reduce risk associated with unknown ground conditions. The investigations will inform future design decisions, support cost certainty and help mitigate potential programme delays arising from unforeseen site conditions. The quotation from JPP Geotechnical and Environmental Ltd represents best value and will enable the investigations to be undertaken within the required project programme.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The works will be funded from the approved Ten_09 Jaywick Sands Public Open Spaces project budget, which forms part of the Community Regeneration Partnership programme approved by Cabinet. Undertaking these investigations at this stage will: • reduce design, construction and programme risk associated with unknown ground conditions; • support the development of robust and deliverable designs; • provide greater cost certainty for future works; and • help avoid delays resulting from unforeseen site constraints. The contingency allowance is included to provide flexibility should additional survey locations or testing be required following initial findings. Failure to undertake these investigations could result in increased project risk, additional costs and delays to the progression of the approved programme. No additional legal or equality implications have been identified beyond those already considered through the wider project approvals.
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation	These Site Investigations are of a short term nature and are not expected to have an impact in relation to Local Government Reorganisation. The wider project will

and/or Devolution considerations	continue to deliver improvements to public realm and community assets within Jaywick Sands.	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Option 1 – Do not undertake the site investigations Rejected as this would significantly increase uncertainty relating to ground conditions and project deliverability. Option 2 – Delay investigations until a later stage Rejected as this would delay design development, increase programme risk and potentially impact delivery timescales. Option 3 – Procure investigations at a later date through a separate commission Rejected as this is unlikely to represent the most efficient approach and could result in additional procurement, mobilisation and programme costs.	
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision)	N/A	
If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:		
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	✓	Not applicable – Decision to be published
	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual • Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings • Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or

		to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
	<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons: [insert]	

Officers

Signed:

Title: Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director
for Place & Wellbeing

In consultation with:

Signed:

**Portfolio Holder For Economic Growth,
Regeneration and Tourism**

Dated: